

**Minutes of the meeting of Birdingbury Parish Council
held on Tuesday 18th May 2021 in The Birbury, Birdingbury**

Present: Cllrs French, Preston, Morton, Cutts and Cllr Mrs Kendell

In attendance: Jackie Chapman (Clerk)

- 1. Welcome.**
Cllr French opened the meeting at 19:40 hrs and welcomed those present.
- 2. To accept apologies for absence**
None
- 3. Declaration of interest**
None
- 4. Representations from the public**
2 members of the public were present. One member of the public wished to contribute to the discussion about Glebe Field/Landstrom, his comments were heard during Agenda item 12.
- 5. Minutes**
The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 22nd April 2021 were agreed as a true and complete record.
- 6. Reports from County and Borough Councillors**
Neither were present.
- 7. Reports from Councillors**
Cllr Preston has been contacted by a resident regarding the re-tarmacking of a stretch of Stockton Road, which was not in bad condition at a cost of £48,000 and yet the stretch of Stockton Road down by the junction with the Rugby Road is in appalling condition and yet nothing has been done.

Clerk to write to Warwickshire County Council

Long Itchington Road, there are now several potholes at either end of used passing places, making the use of the passing places hazardous.

Clerk to put roads into and out of the village on June's Agenda.

Clerk to request an update on the slippage to the ground under the bridge.

Cllr Morton advised the tree by the Bus Stop is dead; he will remove it. The Parish Council will consider replacement trees later in the year when it is planting season.

Cllr French advised of a damaged road sign on Main Street.

Clerk to report to WCC.

Cllr French advised the repair to the verge (topsoil and seed) appears to have been washed away.

Clerk to add verges to June Agenda.

Cllr Morton offered the Parish Council's thanks to Mark Thomas and Steve Edgar for the sterling work they do, looking after the village defibrillator.

Cllr Mrs Kendell has received a request for more trees to be planted in the village. This could be linked with the "Treebilee" to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 and the Queen Green Canopy (QGC). Community Groups will be able to apply for a share of 3 million saplings from the Woodland Trust.

Cllr Mrs Kendell raised the issue of the amount of litter at the access to the old railway line. As this area falls under Bourton Parish, the Clerk will contact the Bourton Clerk.

8. Planning Applications

8.1 No planning applications have been received since the meeting held on 22nd April 2021.

8.2 No planning decisions has been received since the last Parish Council meeting held on 22nd April 2021.

8.3 Appeals - none received.

8.4 R20/0611

The Clerk advised the affidavits are now visible on Rugby Borough Council's Planning Portal.

The Clerk confirmed a response has been submitted for planning application R21/0208.

9. Financial Issues

9.1 Approval of cheques –

Payee	Amount £
Clerk Salary April 2021	
Parochial Church Council of the Church of St Leonards Birdingbury – Allotment rental for 2020	100.00
Frank Mann Farmers grass cutting (07.04.21 and 20.04.21)	361.20

It was proposed by Cllr Preston, seconded by Cllr Cutts and **RESOLVED** the payments be made.

9.2 Bank Balance Reconciliation

Bank statement and reconciliation as at 30.04.2021 – Agreed, noted and signed by Cllr French.

9.3 Budget Report as at 30.04.2021

Agreed and noted

10. Recreation Ground

The Clerk advised the contractor used for work on the recreational ground is willing to undertake the repairs to the equipment.

Cllr Cutts will secure the goal posts and net.

Cllr Morton will provide a specification for the new entrance into the Recreation Ground once the new safety barrier has been fitted. Cllr Morton advised the new entrance will need to comply with Health and Safety.

Clerk to chase up fitting of new safety barrier.

11. Broadband

Cllr Mrs Kendell advised that Openreach have now confirmed that all postcodes contained in their original letter are eligible for the grant and that they would apply to DCMS. However, despite Cllr Mrs Kendell chasing up Openreach several times, they have not replied to subsequent queries raised. Cllr Mrs Kendell will keep chasing this up.

12. Glebe Field/Landstrom

Cllr French confirmed Landstrom have sent an email asking for more detail about the meeting held on 31st March 2021, the Clerk has responded and circulated the response to all Cllrs. The initial letter from Landstrom and the plan for self builds have been shared on the village website.

A resident advised he believed Glebe Field is owned by the Diocese of Coventry and the Diocese has not advised the Parochial Church Council of their plans regarding the site. Additionally, in February 2021 the General Synod of the Church of England committed to achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2030; the proposed development of Glebe Field appears to be at odds with this commitment.

Cllr Mrs Kendell advised she has received several queries/comments in relation to the Glebe Field proposal including,

- it is outside the village envelope,
- are there any restrictions on the use of this land within the covenants?
- concerns relating to sanitation capacity at this end of the village which on occasions is already challenged.
- Access concerns onto the site and off the site to other areas – potential for additional development on the recreation ground.
- A residence built and completed within the last 2 years which abuts the Glebe Field has been omitted from the plans.
- Whether planting trees in the field could be another way for the Diocese to receive benefit from the land and would be in keeping with the net zero ambition.

Other concerns which have been raised are,

- If a new club is provided, will this lead to the demise of the current club, which is in the centre of the village and easily accessible for all the village.
- Would there be any affordable housing?

The Councillors agreed to hold a zoom surgery to answer Parishioner's questions/queries. The Clerk reminded all Cllrs, any answers/information provided at a surgery will not be legally binding, council decisions can only be made at a full meeting of the Parish Council.

Cllr Mrs Kendell will draft a letter to be sent to all properties within the village to ensure everyone is aware of the proposals.

13. Newcomers to the Village

None

14. Correspondence received and action required

Noted

15. Items for the next Agenda

Roads/kerbs, Recreation Field, Annual Village Meeting, Glebe Field, Broadband, AGAR

16. Date of next meeting 15th June 2021 @ 7.30 pm

Meeting ended 20.46

Signed

Date